

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.125 (b) (2) please amend the specification as set forth in a Substitute Specification, as attached. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.125(c), a marked-up version of the Substitute Specification is also attached:

(1) On page 1, line 5, below the Title of the Invention, please update the following paragraph as noted:

--This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 10/343,701, filed February 3, 2003, which is a national stage application of PCT/JP02/05424, filed June 3, 2002, now U.S. Pat. No. 7,057,300, issued on June 6, 2006.--

(2) On page 4, please amend the paragraph including line 9, as suggested by the examiner to read:

--The thinner the membrane thickness, the more precisely the holes 103 can be formed. However, a membrane 102 formed thinly easily flexes. If the membrane flexes, the transferred patterns may ~~distor~~distort or the transferred patterns may become offset in position. Therefore, the membrane 102 is formed so that tensile stress occurs inside. The larger the area of the membrane 102, the greater the internal stress required for flattening the membrane 102.--